Chapter IV



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A. History of Public Involvement

Public meetings were held on Assateague Island National Seashore Monday, August 4, 2003 at the Barrier Island Visitor Center located at the northern entrance to the Seashore in Maryland, and on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at the Chincoteague Community Center in Chincoteague, Virginia. Both workshops were from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Staff were on hand to answer questions and display boards presented information on the resources and issues. Comment forms were available. In addition, the public used and continues to use the internet to e-mail questions and comments. About 60 comments were received from the public.

B. Compliance with Specific Laws and Regulations

In developing this EA, the NPS will follow all applicable regulations, laws, policies and executive orders; specific to this EA are:

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 [16 USC 1531-1544] as amended
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934 [16 USC 661-667e] as amended
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 [P.L. 89-665, as amended] and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations for implementing Section 106 of the act
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [PL. 91-190, as amended] and Council of Environmental Quality Regulations as amended
- Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 USC 1451-1464)
- Clean Air Act, 1977 [P.L. 95-95; 91 Stat. 685]
- Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended (33 USC 1251-1387)
- Executive Order 11990, "Protection of Wetlands"
- Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management
- Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations"
- Director's Order #2: Park Planning
- Director's Order #12: Environmental Impact Analysis
- Director's Order #28: Cultural Resources Management
- Director's Order #47: Soundscape Preservation and Noise Management
- Director's Order #77: Natural Resources Protection
- Director's Order #77-1: Wetland Protection
- Commonwealth of Virginia Statutes and Regulations:
 - Title 10.1-1188 (b) "State Environmental Review Process"
 - Section 29.1-564-568 "Virginia Endangered Species Act" as amended and Section 3.1-1020-1030 "Virginia Endangered Plant and Insect Act"
 - Title 10.1-2220 "Virginia Cultural Resources", Title 10.1 "Virginia Antiquities Act", and Title 15.2-2306 "Preservation of Virginia Historic Resources"



Public meeting, 8.5.03, Chincoteague Community Center



C. Agency Consultation

Consultation and coordination is occurring with the following parties through written correspondence with anticipated follow-up phone or in-person meetings:

- Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
- Commonwealth of Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality
- County of Accomack
- Town of Chincoteague
- US Fish & Wildlife Service

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E. List of Recipients (will also be available on the web)

- Assateague Coastal Trust
- Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
- Commonwealth of Virginia Departments of:
 - Agriculture
 - Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage
 - Environmental Quality
 - Forestry
 - Game and Inland Fisheries
 - Health
 - Historic Resources
 - Marine Resources Commission
 - Mines, Minerals and Energy
 - Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- County of Accomack
- National Aeronautics and Space Adminstration (NASA)
- Town of Chincoteague
- US Fish & Wildlife Service,